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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the application filed on 25 May, 2001. Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-12 are directed to a system and method for a "Calculation Service Providing System."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 4 and 10 are rejected.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention due to ambiguous language from direct translation. A reasonable artisan skilled in the art could not comprehend the claims as written. The claims recite: "...said procedure data files on the basis of loads on respective calculation servers so that the rewritten procedure data file is described with an optimum calculation server executing each application among calculation servers executable the application." It is not clear what the boundary of the claim is. Hence, the scope of the claim is unascertainable.

However, in order to provide a more complete examination the Examiner asserts that this invention is understood as: : "...said procedure data files on the basis of loads on respective calculation servers so that the rewritten procedure data file determines an optimum calculation server executing each application among calculation servers executing the application."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballard (US 6,182,050) in view of Lavey, Jr. et al. (US 6,023,698.)
Claims 4 and 10 are rejected in further view of Dias et al. (US 6,119,143).

Ballard teaches the invention substantially as claimed including advertisements distributed on-line using target criteria screening with method for maintaining end user privacy. The advertising service provider sends executable filter programs which run on the end user computer to test whether a corresponding advertisement is to be downloaded and displayed. (See abstract).

Claim 1:

Referring to claim 1, Ballard teaches calculation service providing system, comprising calculation servers, a Web server and terminals which are connected to one another on a network, (See col. 5, lines 14-64)

wherein each of said calculation servers stores one or more applications for providing calculation service, (See col. 11, lines 10-29).

wherein said Web server stores and publishes on said network one or more procedure data files, in each of which procedure data defining a calculation service

using said one or more applications stored in one or more of said calculation servers is described, and (See col. 6, lines 40-63).

wherein each of said terminals executes a procedure processing program for having one or more of said calculation servers execute one or more applications on the basis of said procedure data described in said procedure data file downloaded from said Web server.

Ballard teaches a wide area network which stores information accessible to the network server computers, remote networks and client computers. (See col. 5, lines 9-14). Ballard further teaches calculation servers associated with producing demographic data. (See col. 11, lines 13-15). Ballard does not specifically teach terminals executing a procedure processing program although Ballard does teach an executable computer program code. (See col. 8, lines 22-24). However, Lavey Jr. teaches a client computer executing a procedure processing program interacting with an online resource server. (See col. 5, lines 53 –col. 6, line 4). Hence, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballard with the server system taught by Lavey, Jr. Such a system would allow a user to easily create an Internet application allowing the user to use their preferred Internet service provider with a standard application programmer's interface (API). Therefore, claim 1 is rejected.

Claim 2:

Referring to claim 2, Ballard teaches the calculation service providing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said terminals accesses one or more said

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calculation servers with telnet protocol and ftp protocol when having the calculation servers execute one or more applications and transfer one or more files, respectively. (See col. 11, lines 12-15 and col. 5, lines 9-13).

Hence, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to use the teachings of Ballard. Therefore, claim 2 is rejected.

Claim 3:

Referring to claim 2, Ballard substantially teaches the calculation service providing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said terminals executes a procedure data creation program for creating each of said procedure data files.

Ballard teaches calculation servers associated with producing demographic data in order to select the advertisement having the smallest distance. Ballard does not specifically teach terminals executing a procedure processing program although Ballard does teach an executable computer program code. (See col. 8, lines 22-24). However, Lavey Jr. teaches a client computer executing a procedure processing program interacting with an online resource server. (See col. 5, lines 53 –col. 6, line 4). Hence, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballard with the server system taught by Lavey, Jr. Such a system would allow a user to easily create an Internet application allowing the user to use their preferred Internet service provider with a standard application programmer's interface (API). Therefore, claim 3 is rejected.

Claim 5:

Referring to claim 5, it recites the calculation service providing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein a Web browser is installed on each of said terminals, and wherein said procedure processing program is downloaded from said Web server to each of said terminal and executed on said Web browser.

Ballard teaches calculation servers associated with producing demographic data in order to select the advertisement having the smallest distance. Ballard does not specifically teach terminals executing a procedure processing program although Ballard does teach an executable computer program code. (See col. 8, lines 22-24). However, Lavey Jr. teaches procedure processing program which is downloaded from said Web server to each of said terminal and executed on said Web browser. (See col. 5, lines 6-10; col. 5, lines 53-col. 6, line 4 and col. 6, line 60 – col. 7, line 22).

Hence, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballard with the server system taught by Lavey, Jr. Such a system would provide an interface that allows programmers to easily create applications that allow the user to use their preferred Internet service provider for obtaining a convenient seamless connection to the Internet for communication with an on-line site. Therefore, claim 5 is rejected.

Claim 6:

Referring to claim 6, it recites the calculation service providing system as set forth in claim 3, wherein a Web browser is installed on each of said terminal, and

wherein said procedure data creation program is downloaded from said Web server to each of said terminal and executed on said Web browser.

Ballard teaches calculation servers associated with producing demographic data in order to select the advertisement having the smallest distance. Ballard does not specifically teach terminals executing a procedure data creation program although Ballard does teach an executable computer program code. (See col. 8, lines 22-24). However, Lavey Jr. teaches procedure data creation program which is downloaded from said Web server to each of said terminal and executed on said Web browser. (See col. 2, lines 52-64; col. 5, lines 6-10; col. 5, lines 53-col. 6, line 4 and col. 6, line 60 – col. 7, line 22).

Hence, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballard with the procedure data creation program downloaded from a server system taught by Lavey, Jr. Such a system would provide an interface that allows programmers to easily create applications that allow the user to use their preferred Internet service provider for obtaining a convenient seamless connection to the Internet for communication with an on-line site. Therefore, claim 6 is rejected.

Claim 4:

Referring to claim 4, it recites the calculation service providing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said Web server stores a procedure data optimization program for dynamically rewriting each of said procedure data files on the basis of loads on respective calculation servers so that the rewritten procedure data file is described with

an optimum calculation server for executing each application among calculation servers executable the application.

Ballard teaches calculation servers associated with producing demographic data in order to select the advertisement having the smallest distance. Ballard does not specifically teach terminals executing procedure data file. However, Lavey Jr. teaches procedure data creation file. (See col. 2, lines 52-64; col. 5, lines 6-10; col. 5, lines 53- col. 6, line 4 and col. 6, line 60 – col. 7, line 22).

Hence, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballard with the procedure data creation file taught by Lavey, Jr. Such a system would provide an interface that allows programmers to easily create applications that allow the user to use their preferred Internet service provider for obtaining a convenient seamless connection to the Internet for communication with an on-line site.

Neither Ballard nor Lavey teach performing a task on the basis of loads. However, Dias teaches a method for load balancing. The method partitions clients into groups based on their request load. Each group is dynamically scheduled among nodes, thus avoiding high load groups from being allocated to the same node and overloading the system.

Hence, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention for an artisan of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teachings of Ballard and the procedure data creation file taught by Lavey, Jr. with the load balancing taught by Dias. This system is preferred for it would enhance quality of service. Therefore, claim 4 is rejected.

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Claims 7-12

As for claims 7-12, they do not teach or define any significantly new limitation above and beyond claims 1-6 to warrant particular treatment, and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

4. The Examiner notes that Yoon teaches a client using a web infoshop service system where the web infoshop service system, in place of a charged content provider, authenticates a client and performs calculation of an amount of charge.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Yoon et al. (U.S. 6,173,407) teaches "Method of Authenticating and Charging a Client Using a Web Infoshop Service System."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Coffy whose telephone number is (703) 305-0325. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00 P.M.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (703) 308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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